

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. When is the next Restorative Technique (RT) examination scheduled?

The next Restorative Technique examination is scheduled for November 12-14, 2004, at the University of Southern California School of Dentistry.

2. Under the new law who is eligible to take the Restorative Technique examination?

All persons who have been issued a degree of doctor of dental medicine or doctor of dental surgery by a foreign dental school not approved by the Board or accredited by a body that has a reciprocal accreditation agreement with a commission or accreditation organization, and passed the National Board of Dental Examinations Part I and Part II by December 31, 2003.

3. If I took National Boards Part I before December 31, 2003, can I take Part II in 2004, and be eligible for the RT exam?

No. By December 31, 2003, you must have passed National Boards Part I and Part II in order to establish your eligibility.

4. Do I need to send the Board my original National Board scores?

No, not at this time. However you must file a copy of your original National Board Part I and Part II scores at the time you file your application.

5. If I applied for the Restorative Technique Examination before, am I required to send the Board another copy of my National Board scores?

Those individuals who have already taken an RT exam are not required to resubmit their National Board scores.

Those candidates who previously applied but were not scheduled for an Restorative Technique examination and their application was returned, must resubmit a copy of their National Board scores to the Dental Board.

6. How can I verify that the Board received my Part I and Part II scores?

All candidates are given a reference number by the National Board. The Board will begin posting those reference numbers on the web to confirm

that your scores have been received. All eligible reference numbers will be posted on the website under the Restorative Technique examination link.

7. What do I need to submit to the Board once the application deadline is established?

Eligible candidates must submit the following:

- Completed Restorative Technique Application
- Fees - \$556.00 for first time applicant
- Fees - \$325.00 for re-examination applicants
- 2 Fingerprint cards – Non California Residents
- LiveScan Fingerprint application – California Residents only
- Original Diploma and a copy of the Diploma (original diploma will be returned)
- Certification of Diploma Form
- Original Transcript of the Academic and Clinical Dental School Record, and a copy of the transcript of the academic record.
- Certification of Translation Form

8. When must the National Board scores be submitted to the Board?

The NBDE scores must be submitted to the Dental Board no later than July 12, 2004. They must be submitted by **MAIL** only. All scores received after July 12, 2004, will be returned and the candidate will be ineligible to take future RT exams.

9. How long will the Board offer the Restorative Technique examination?

The Board has been authorized to administer the Restorative Technique examination until December 31, 2008.

10. When may I submit my application for the next Restorative Technique examination?

The date to submit the application to the Dental Board will be established after July 12, 2004.

11. How many candidates can be tested at each examination?

The Board can examine approximately 250 candidates per examination.

12. How many times may I take the Restorative Technique Examination?

You may take the examination four times total. Example: If you previously tested once, prior to the passage of the new law, you have three more times to pass the Restorative Technique examination, prior to 2008. The board cannot guarantee that each candidate will have four opportunities, although that is the goal of the board.

13. When can I reapply if I fail an examination?

The law requires that you notify the Board in writing within 45 days of failing an Restorative Technique examination that you wish to reexamine. You must notify the Board by submitting a letter with your reference number, and candidate ID number, indicating your intent to re-examine.

14. What happens if I do not notify the Board within 45 days of failing an exam that I want to retake the RT?

You lose your eligibility and may not submit future applications.

15. What happens if I am scheduled to take the examination and fail to appear for the examination?

If you fail to appear for an examination for which you have been scheduled, the absence is counted as the equivalent of a failure of the examination.

16. Do I submit the application fee at the time the application is submitted to the Board?

No. You will not be required to submit any fees until you have been notified that you have been scheduled for examination. Those individuals who are selected will have their reference numbers posted on the website, with the due date to submit the required fees.

17. What will happen to my application if I am not selected for the November 2004 examination?

If you are not selected for the November 2004 examination, your application will be retained at the Board, unless you request to have it returned.

18. What if I do not apply for the examination in November?

If you do not apply for the examination in November a filing deadline will be established in 2005 for the next exam.

19. If I am not eligible, what can I do?

In order to be eligible to take the California licensing examination, you will need to successfully complete an ADA-approved International Dental Studies Program.